

SPORTS

SUCCESS FOR MINSK DYNAMO



Soviet football champions Minsk Dynamo.

Minsk Dynamo, who showed interesting attacking football, have become national champions for the first time. Not for nothing they scored the most goals (63) this season. Until the present success their best achievement

was third place in 1954 and 1963. Many-time champions Kiev Dynamo came only a point behind them. Moscow Spartak, who came third, finished level with Vilnius Dynamo but were more successful in their "personal" bowl.

Andrei Yekubik (Tashkent Pakhtakor) is the championship's top scorer at 23 goals.

Kuban and Krali will leave the top division to be replaced by Vilnius Zalgiris and Kishinev Nisaru.

ASIAD-82: flags of 33 countries flying

The flame lit in the gigantic bowl of the new Jawaharlal Nehru stadium and the scale model of the dancing Appu baby elephant, the official mascot of the 8th Asian Games, suspended over it from a balloon are curiously the inevitable sights of the Indian capital.

All have noted the wonderful holiday of the opening of the Games, the unusual colour and precision of the three-hour ceremony, the already atmosphere at the biggest sports forum on the Asian continent.

The Olympic banner with five intertwined rings was raised at the stadium alongside the flags of the 33 participating nations. Talking to numerous newsmen of a press conference in Delhi,

IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said: I congratulate the organizers on the splendid preparation of the Asian continental Games, on the successful staging of the magnificent holiday of the opening. We rejoice at the growing links of sportsmen of Asian nations, their active part in the Olympic movement and solidarity with the idea of Olympicism.

The Asian Games in the Indian capital have drawn the biggest number of participants in the history of this competition — 33 countries—and this is a peculiar first record of the ASIAD-82.

The first gold medal of the Asian Games was won by Chinese heavyweight Cai Juncheng in the under 52 kg division. He snatched 107.5 kg, a new Asian Games record.

BORG MAKES A COMEBACK

One very conspicuous absentee from this summer's international tennis circuit was celebrated Swede Björn Borg, 20, ranked by many experts as the greatest player of all time. There were several reasons for his staying away, the main one being that Borg was exhausted by an endless many-year tournament race involving rigorous pro contracts.

Recently the five-time Wimbledon winner and five-time

winner of the French Open re-entered the race competing in a Sydney tournament against such formidable opposition like John McEnroe and Vitas Gerulaitis (both of the USA), and Czechoslovak's Ivan Lendl.

Borg proved he was still super by beating McEnroe 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 in the final. He told newsmen thereafter he was planning to contest the world No. 1 ranking next year.



STEVENSON BEATS BIGGS

Cuba's visiting boxing squad overpowered a US team, 8-4, in a friendly match at Reno, Nevada.

The locus of the match was the bout between thrice Olympic champion Cuban heavyweight Teodoro Stevenson and world

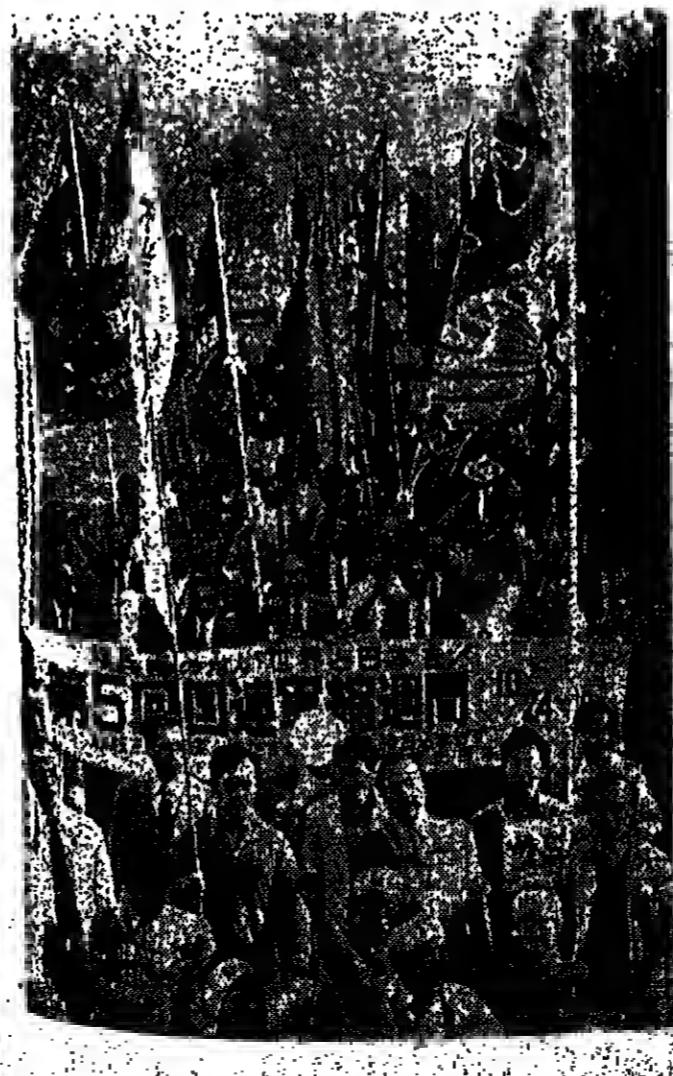
champion Biggs, of the USA, who is only 21. Despite being ten years his elder, the Cuban dominated throughout, laying Biggs low on two occasions and eventually knocking him out in the second round.

He also set the previous mark of 136 kg this past August in Havana.

RECORD OF A CUBAN WEIGHTLIFTER

A new world record was set in Copenhagen on an international meet by the 24-year-old Moscow Olympics champion Cuban Daniel Nuñez (under 80 kg), who snatched 137.5 kg.

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COMMISSION INVESTIGATES ZIONIST CRIMES

Athens. For two days, the Greek hosted the meetings of the International Commission of Inquiry into Israeli Crimes Against the Lebanese and Palestinian Peoples.

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WILL THE MURDERERS BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE?

Beirut. The examination of witnesses has ended at the special Israeli inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the mass murders of the Palestinian refugees camp of Sabra and Chatila, in West Beirut. Despite attempts by the Israeli rulers to evade responsibility for the crime, the commission admitted that it lies with the Israeli sultarianist leadership.

朋友们对 the SOVIET UNION MEET IN MOSCOW

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PRC-USSR Society: Domingos Coelho da Cruz, Chairman of the Angolan League of Friendship and Solidarity with Foreign Peoples; and members of public organizations from other countries.

In a document approved by the meeting and addressed to societies, institutions, and associations of friendship and cultural relations with the Soviet Union and to the Soviet Union's

friends abroad in general, it was stressed that the entire world recognizes the USSR as close-knit and unshakable alliance of equal republics. The delegations urged all people of goodwill to intensify the drive for peace and disarmament and prevent nuclear disaster.

There were also get-togethers between foreign delegates and members of the Soviet public, as well as meetings and friendships between held at offices and plants in Moscow.

QUOTATION OF THE DAY

"Our Eastern trade has good prospects. In the current conditions characterized by an unstable situation in the world economy and by mounting international tension, West German trade with the CMEA nations continues an 'upward' trend." (Editor-in-Chief of the "Ost-West-Kommerz" magazine, West Germany)

Valentin KUNIN

'LINKAGE' MEANING DRAGGING OF FEET

American Vice-President George Bush's tour of several African countries has been described by the local press as another attempt by Washington to turn the non-existing issue of the withdrawal of Cuban military contingents from Angola into a chip in the bargaining for granting independence to Namibia.

The positions of the two sides turned out to be diametrically opposed.

The African states demand the immediate implementation of UN Security Council Resolution No. 415. This provides for the holding of free fair elections in Namibia under international control to be followed by the proclamation of the country's independence.

Washington, which sets the pace in the so-called contact group on Namibia (the USA, Britain, France, West Germany, Canada), has been working hard, since the resolution was adopted in September, 1978, to render its main provisions so as to achieve a neo-colonial

settlement of the Namibian problem. Its goal is to bring to power in the latter country a puppet regime, to watch over the strategic and economic interests of South Africa in Namibia.

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Round the Soviet Union

RESEARCHERS FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES AND OCEANOGRAPHY HAVE MADE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SEA OF OKHOTSK. The expedition examined a water area of about one hundred thousand square kilometers, using sensitive instruments. The map of fish stock distribution in the shelf-adjacent zone that was compiled will allow fishermen to obtain scientifically based recommendations on fishing.

ONCE THE BYELORUSSIAN RIVER FLEET IS EQUIPPED WITH SPECIAL BARGES ITS GRAIN TRANSPORTATION BY WATER WILL INCREASE. Serial production of the barges has begun. The first 350-tonne vessel will be registered in the port of Orel.

A NEW ROUTE IS NOW OFFERED FOR TOURISTS IN THE TAMBOV REGION, IVANOVKA: AN OLD VILLAGE IN IT, HOLDS NUMEROUS RELICS OF SERGIU RACHMANINOV'S LIFE. The composer wrote many beautiful works here that earned him world fame. A memorial museum has been opened in the two-story estate house where he used to stay for recreation.

THE 4th CONGRESS OF TRAUMATOLOGISTS AND ORTHOPEDISTS OF THE BALTIC REPUBLICS HAS CLOSED IN THE LITHUANIAN CAPITAL, VILNIUS. The physicians discussed topical problems in fighting traumatism and exchanged results of their research and practice. A system of medical and psychological rehabilitation of children suffering from complex traumas, adopted at the Vilnius children's surgical clinic, was of general interest to the participants.

FARMS IN THE TALYV-KURGAN PART OF THE SEMI-DESERT AREA HAVE COMPLETED LAYING OUT FOUR AND A HALF THOUSAND HECTARES OF NEW GRAZING GROUNDS IN THE DESERTS OF THE SOUTHERN BALKHASH REGION. Long-term pastures of uncultivated grass and bush are also being planted in the Caspian and South Kazakhstan deserts and semidesert areas.

OUR MICROSURGEONS



How to restore fingers and hands lost in accidents and to transplant to replace thumbs. The missing limb has to be sown back on within five to six hours after the accident or within 24 hours if it was immediately refrigerated.

In any case there is limited time in which much has to be done: the deformed thumb got rid of, bones joined to bones, tendons, muscles, vessels and nerves sewn up—each to its own extremity.

To improve his vision of the minute details of the operating field and of the tools he uses, the surgeon resorts to a microscope.

The staff of the Centre make their rather unique experience in this area known to colleagues and other clinics via special publications, lectures and display operations.

As a result, in addition to the two Moscow microsurgery departments, there are analogous departments in Leningrad, Kiev, Tbilisi, Yerevan, Tashkent, Saratov, Kharov, and Dnepropetrovsk. Similar work is being done in the GDR, Czechoslovakia, Bratislava, France, Italy, West Germany and the USA.

Renat Akhurko, Viktor Krylov, Nikolai Miltsev and Georgi Stepanov shown in the photo left to right at the National Research Centre for Microsurgery of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences were recently named among the recipients of the USSR State Prize for their work in devising microsurgical operations involving dismembered fingers and hands.

The Centre has been in existence for about twenty years. During this time its surgeons have performed over 600 operations.

A NEW ROUTE IS NOW OFFERED FOR TOURISTS IN THE TAMBOV REGION, IVANOVKA: AN OLD VILLAGE IN IT, HOLDS NUMEROUS RELICS OF SERGIU RACHMANINOV'S LIFE. The composer wrote many beautiful works here that earned him world fame. A memorial museum has been opened in the two-story estate house where he used to stay for recreation.

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DAGHESTAN'S VINEYARDS

The reclamation of the semi-desert Caspian-side lands is one of the main ways of expanding viticulture in the area. A short while ago, vines were planted over 300 hectares of irrigated land.

Viniculture is the leading branch of agriculture in the Daghestan autonomous republic. The water will be brought here along the October Revolution Canal, which was built sixty years ago to ensure tick crops.

The builders of the Tashkent-Syrdarya river gas pipeline have completed the construction of the pipe section of the line across the Kirov Canal ahead of schedule. The canal is one of the major water arteries in Uzbekistan. This will make it possible to weld end by 80 kilometers

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ENTERTAINMENT

PROFILES

CHABUA AMIREZHIBI

The name of the Georgian writer Chabua Amirezhib, known not only to Soviet lovers of literature, his historical novel, "Data Tushishchia", has been published in English, Spanish and in all the Scandinavian languages. It also provided the basis for the script of the TV serial, "The Shores".

I started writing seriously rather late—at thirty-eight, says Amirezhib. I went through the war, suffered from shell shock and spent years working in Siberia and the Far North. Having celebrated the new year in 1988, I sat at my desk the next morning and wrote my first short story. It was published in the very next issue of "Mamlobi", a Georgia literary magazine, in place of some other material.

I still tell my friends that I was born lucky. The writer should not rely on luck though, hard work is required before anything else. A collection of my short stories was put out two years after I started to write.

The novel, "Data Tushishchia", is Amirezhib's most important work. He was awarded the 1981 USSR State Prize for the script he wrote for the film, "The Shores", based on his novel.

The novel took me ten whole years to write, said Amirezhib. It was not an easy job. I wrote it having no idea of where it might be published. What made me write it? I have always been attracted to the problem of man's fate in society, against a historic background. What was my aim in this work? I wanted my reader to grasp the complexity and many meanings of life through the story of my favorite hero, Tushishchia. Life means love and hate, good and bad, truth and lies. All our actions lie between these extremes. Right or wrong, just or unjust. One has to find the answers to all questions oneself, never making do with ready-made decisions.

Since times immemorial people have been



HUNGARIAN COMPOSER COMMEMORATED

The Glinka National Museum of Musical Culture at 4 Fedorov St in Moscow is now the scene of the photo exhibition, "Zoltan Kodaly — Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of his Birth". It is devoted to the life and work of the Hungarian composer, musicologist, folklorist, collector and teacher.

On display are 200 photos: autographs of his compositions, arrangements of folk songs, and pedagogical publications, as well as sheet music and records.

Kodaly often visited the Soviet Union and met with Soviet musicians. Featured at the exhibition are photos of him with

PUSHKIN AND SOVIET STAGE DESIGN

The heritage of the great Russian poet Pushkin is an inexhaustible source of inspiration for men of letters, artists, composers and actors. One more indication of this is the exhibition, "A. S. Pushkin and Soviet Stage Designers" (1917-1982) now on view at the Stanislavsky Palace of the Arts in Leningrad. It has been organized by the Pushkin All-Union Museum, by museums attached to Leningrad's major theatres, and by private collectors.



The Moscow Art Theatre have mounted a new production "Sister Happiness", based on a work by Ivan Franko, the classical Ukrainian writer.

On photo: a scene from the play.

Yevgeny Mravinsky

conducts in Moscow



Yevgeny Mravinsky (centre) with members at the Leningrad Philharmonic Academic Symphony Orchestra at the Moscow Conservatoire.

Photo by Andrii Stepanov

It has been a long time since we have seen an audience filling to capacity the Grand Hall of the Moscow Conservatoire—motivated by a common sense of deep respect and sincere admiration rise from their seats and give a standing ovation as the conductor walks onto the stage.

This was the reception accorded to Yevgeny Mravinsky at the first concert of the Moscow tour of the Academic Symphony Orchestra of the Leningrad Philharmonic Society—the oldest orchestra in our country which celebrates its centenary this year.

And for nearly half of this time the orchestra has been led by its chief conductor Yevgeny Mravinsky. Mravinsky's life with the orchestra is characterized by days, years and decades of intense labor, work, searching, doubts, bold experiment and achievements. Looking back, one can say that Yevgeny Mravinsky

FACTS and EVENTS

Guest performances. The Akhundov Ballet Company from Azerbaijan is now touring Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco, with Amirov's ballet "A Thousand and One Nights", Russian and foreign classics, and works by Soviet composers.

Restoration works. A 6th-century architectural monument, the Narynka citadel in Darband, in the Dagestan autonomous republic, is now being given an original look using surviving early descriptions of it. The latest archaeological finds have dated Darband 25 centuries back.

Cinema. "The Burning Land" is a new film based on the life of Vano Khodzhabagyan, a talented Armenian painter, who lived and worked early in this century. The Armenian film crew working on it have begun shooting in Tbilisi where Khodzhabagyan was born.

Symposiums. The 9th Japan-Soviet symposium on aesthetic education for children has opened in Tokyo. Those taking part will share experience in cultivating in children an interest in literature, art, music, as well as a sense of history and artistic values.

Books. The 3rd International Book Fair has opened in the Ecuador capital, Quito. Taking part are 15 nations, including the USSR, the GDR, Cuba, Argentina, Spain, the USA, etc. The Soviet Union is represented by V.O. Mekhanicheskaya Kniga.

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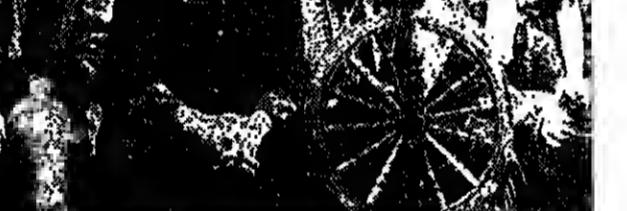
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laxity by the question—what is most important for man?

Bread and butter, love, charlatanism, wealth and luxury, unlimited freedom, or, perhaps, all these things taken together? For me this question is easily solved: a man needs situation. This is vital for him adapting him to continue living and working, and to exert himself.

Now I am writing another historical novel, I want to tell my readers about one of the most dramatic periods in the history of Georgia, when a man's moral choice influenced the fate of our whole people, or of our whole country which was engaged in repelling foreign invaders. In critical times individuals are needed who incorporate within themselves the good qualities of their people and help them to fight the all-pervasive evil. Such individuals appear maybe once in every hundred years, and they are certainly to be found in the history of Georgia. My new novel is devoted to such men.

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WHAT'S ON!

November 27-29

THEATRES

Kremlin Palace of Congresses (Kremlin), 27, 28 (mat and eve). **29** — A co-act.

Boboi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq.), 27 — Tchaikovsky, "The Queen of Spades" (opera), 28 (mat)—Händel, "Giulio Cesare" (opera), 28 (eve) — Khachaturian, "Spartacus" (ballet).

Tales... Tales... Tales of Old Arbat (Mosfilm Studios, USSR), 27 — Tchaikovsky, "Eugene Onegin" (opera), 28 (mat) — "Doctor Dolittle" (ballet), 28 (eve) — Mozart, "A Little Night Music" (opera), 28 — Zinchanova, "Moscow is Behind Us" (documentary musical drama).

Opera Theatre (6 Pushkinskaya St), 27 — Gadzhiev, "A Crossroad", 28 — Dilyan, "Comrade Lyubov".

Chamber Musical Theatre (71 Leningradsky Prospekt), 28 — Kobakin, "A Madman's Diary" (ballet), "Game on the Water" (opera), "Davydov's House" (ballet).

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